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Pesticide users can report damaged products to state Department of Agriculture

OLYMPIA – Farmers, business owners and others who may have experienced damage to their supply of pesticides during last week's Western Washington flooding are asked to contact the Washington State Department of Agriculture. Officials are gathering information to see if a free, special collection of waste pesticide is warranted. Call Maryann Connell, Pesticide Management Division, in Olympia at (360) 902-2050 to report damaged pesticides.

If residents find they have a pesticide spill to report, please contact the state Department of Ecology's 24-hour spill response hotline at (360) 407-6300. Homeowners who have damaged pesticides to dispose of should contact their local county waste disposal facility.

The Department of Agriculture's Waste Pesticide Collection Program conducts more than a dozen collection events annually to dispose of old or unusable agricultural and commercial grade pesticides. Staff is available to schedule an extra collection event due to flood damage or to provide assistance in packaging pesticides that may have become damaged due to the floods and need to be stabilized before disposal.

More information about the agency's waste pesticide collections is available at WSDA's Web site at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/Pesticides/WastePesticide.htm>.

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